

# OPPOSE Normandy Tower up-zoning

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City Clerk Agenda

To: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>; Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>;

Clerk Lopez, please enter into the council record. Ms. Paden, please forward to the Planning Board.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Normandy Properties plan to up-zone Central Square for a 19 story tower on Mass. Ave. next to McDonalds. The proposed building will be more than twice the legal height now and will have dire effects on the Area 4/Port neighborhood. At a time when the city desperately needs more affordable and middle-income housing, this proposed development emphasizes luxury apartments, with few units designated for low and middle income families.

In addition, the height of the building may have a detrimental effect, causing shadows and wind and partitioning off Area 4 from the rest of the city.

I urge you to support the plan proposed by Councilor Carlone, which includes 50% affordable and middle income units with nearly three times more affordable units than the Normandy proposal. In addition, the height would be 12 floors, rather than the 19 proposed by Normandy. This would be more in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood.

Please let the up-zoning expire without a vote and please work towards a comprehensive plan for all of Central Square.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Susan Cnudde  
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